

2/19/70

Dear Dick,

Today your 2/12, with corrections in COUP II, arrived. Thanks. I'll make the correction when I have a chance to go over it with care, I hope soon, for I want to get back on other writing.

The poor copy of II is not Paul's fault. The machine on which I made the original copy from which he made copies was out of adjustment. It simply would not make black copies.

You are the only one who could check the ballistics stuff, so I am particularly glad to get this.

Paul also spotted the Curry error, on the button. But I have the picture now, without the photoengraving screen, if anyone wants to contest you and him. I do not.

There is nothing new. The past two days have been dismaying, with large and unnecessary auto costs, twice being towed, so there has been no time for constructive work. I did go through most of Penn's new book. Don't spend a cent on it, it is that terrible. There is danger that people not knowing it is crap will believe it, and I grieve the nice things I said of him in 1966 and 1967, that may accredit him to them. He is very sick, and very wrong.

Glad you are finishing up your thesis. Hope it does well, fish or no fish secrets from antiquity.

When I can I'll take the new pix of 399. I bumped into Grif as I was leaving last time I was there. He is willing to use my Polaroid also, unless they stop him. If he does, I'll send these to you right away, then you can return them. Will you want prints of any new pix I take? You know what I'm seeking. Assuming I see it. As you know by now, Howard agrees.

Best,